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In re application of:

C. MEARS

Appln. No.: 09/763,089

Filed: February 16, 2001

For: APPLICATOR AND DISPENSING
DEVICE USING SAME

Art Unit:

Examiner: David Stemmer

Atty. Docket No. 29925-169801

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Response To Notification And Request For Reconsideration

ATTN: PCT Legal Affairs
Office of Patent Cooperation Treaty Legal Administration
Assistant Commissioner for Patent
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to Applicant's submission of 18 January 2002, a notification was received from U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated March 29, 2002. The notification continues to allege that the Declarations originally submitted in the above-referenced application were improper and not sufficient.

In response thereto, Applicants respectfully submit a Declaration properly executed by Mr. Ralph Zissel and a newly executed Declaration from Messrs. Harvey and Lawrence Levine. However, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the refusal to accept the previously resubmitted Declarations.

As previously stated, Applicants representative faxed a complete copy of the oath or Declaration containing both pages to the inventors Harvey and Lawrence Levine on June 15, 2001. On June 28, 2001, Harvey and Lawrence Levine returned via facsimile properly executed page of the Declaration containing their signatures. Although both pages of the original Declaration were sent to the Levines, only the signed page was returned and filed on July 2,

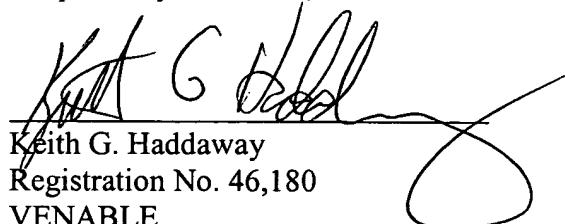
2001. In response to the July 2, 2001 filing the Examiner sent a notification on December 18, 2001 indicating that the oath was defective. In response thereto, the signed page of the Declaration together with a copy of the first Declaration was filed again on January 18, 2002. At that time, it was explained that both pages had been sent to the inventors, the inventors had reviewed both pages, and only returned the signature page. The March 29, 2002 notification was sent in response to that submission.

Applicants' representative respectfully asserts that the allegations of the March 29, 2002 notification are in error. The notification states that the complete Declaration which was presented to and signed by the relative inventors must be provided and that simply attaching the signature page together with a different copy of the first page is not sufficient. In the experience of this is contrary to typical office procedure and Applicants therefore request that the January 18, 2002 submission be deemed sufficient.

This submission is being filed together with a request for a one month extension of time. Should, upon reconsideration, the Examiner decide that the previously submitted Declarations are adequate, Applicants respectfully request that the \$55.00 fee for extension of time be refunded or deposited in Deposit Account No. 22-0261. Should any additional fees be required with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and notify undersigned counsel accordingly.

Dated: May 29, 2002

Respectfully submitted,



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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **APPLICATOR AND DISPENSING DEVICE USING SAME**, the specification of which

[X] was filed on February 16, 2001 as Application No. 09/763,089 and as a continuation application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on August 18, 1999, as Application No. PCT/US99/18738, the United States of America being designated.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 35, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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WHEREAS Lawrence T. Levine and Harvey Levine hereinafter (collectively) referred to as the assignor, has provided consulting services in conjunction with developing improvements or aspects of improvements relating to **APPLICATOR AND DISPENSING DEVICE USING THE SAME**, for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 18, 1998, Serial Number 09/135,942; and said application having been filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on August 18, 1999, Serial No. PCT/US99/18738 the United States of America being designated (the "improvements"),

AND WHEREAS Arich Inc.

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hereinafter referred to as the assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said improvements and any and all patents which may be granted therefore, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid by Assignee to Assignor, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers, and has assigned, sold, and transferred to Assignee, its successors and assigns, its entire and exclusive right, title, and interest for the United States in and to the improvements, the application, and any patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all divisions, continuations, in whole or in part, substitutions, renewals, reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof, and all applications claiming priority therefrom; and Assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for the invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as their interest is concerned, to Assignee; to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in anywise arising therefrom or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such patents when granted, for the use and benefit of said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as Assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

Assignor further hereby assigns, sells and transfers, and has assigned, sold, and transferred to Assignee, its successors and assigns, its entire right, title and interest in all countries of the world, in and to the improvements and in and to the application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all national applications, regional applications, divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, in whole or in part, re-examinations, and extensions thereof, including the right to file applications and obtain patents for the invention in its own name, in all countries and including all rights of priority in all countries under the terms of any applicable international convention, insofar as its interest is concerned; and the Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the applicable patent office in each country of the world to issue all patents for the invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as its interest is concerned, to the Assignee, to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of such patents for the invention may issue, to the same extent as the Assignor would hold and enjoy if this Assignment had not been made.

The Assignor further agrees to execute any and all patent applications, assignments, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such patent rights, and also agrees, at the request of the Assignee, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain, maintain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each individual collectively referred to as Assignor has caused this Assignment

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WHEREAS Lawrence T. Levine and Harvey Levine hereinafter (collectively) referred to as the assignor, has provided consulting services in conjunction with developing improvements or aspects of improvements relating to **APPLICATOR AND DISPENSING DEVICE USING THE SAME**, for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 18, 1998, Serial Number 09/135,942; and said application having been filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on August 18, 1999, Serial No. PCT/US99/18738 the United States of America being designated (the "improvements"),

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